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This month we have an invitation from our nearest neighbors, The Castro Valley Horsemen's Association. This association is staging a horse show in connection with the celebration of the Second Annual Hayward Pioneer Days Fiesta, for the benefit of underprivileged children. According to the invitation, there will be a Carnival Night on Friday evening, September 26th, complete with a free street dance. Saturday afternoon, September 27th, (2:00 to 5:00 p.m.) will be devoted to a Home Coming. This is to be followed by a stupendous Electrical Parade, beginning at 7:30 p.m., and a Fiesta Ball in the Veterans' Memorial Hall at 9:00 p.m. The final event of the celebration will be a horse show on Sunday afternoon, September 28th, at 2:00 p.m. in the Oakland Stadium.

Look for the CSHA HORSEMEN'S BULLETIN issued each month for your State news!

Again, thanks for the cooperation in helping to keep the mailing list up to date! Mary Gale, Secretary.

Horse Show and Fair Dates

- Sept. 25-27: Horse Show, Bakersfield.
- Sept. 25-28: Monterey County Fair, Horse Show, Monterey.
- Sept. 26-28: 30th Dist. Agri. Ass'n. Tehama County Fair, Red Bluffs.
- Sept. 26-28: 2nd Annual Hayward Pioneer Days Fiesta, Castro Valley Horsemen's Association.
- Sept. 28: All Arabian Show, Arabian Society of America, Los Angeles.
- Sept. 28: Oakdale Saddle Club Horse Show, Oakdale.
- Sept. 30-Oct. 5: Fresno District Fair, Fresno
- Sept. 30-Oct. 5: Los Gatos Pageant, Los Gatos.
- Sept. 30-Oct. 5: American Legion Rodeo, Calistoga.
- Sept. 30-Oct. 5: San Francisco Horsemen's Ass'n., Rodeo, San Francisco.
- Oct. 2-5: Santa Cruz County Fair, Watsonville.
- Oct. 3-5: Placer Dist. Fair (20th Dist. Fair Bd.) Auburn.
- Oct. 4-5: Quarter Horse Show and Speed Trials, King City.
- Oct. 6: San Diego County Rodeo, Lakeside.
- Oct. 10-12: San Benito County Fair, Bolado Park, Hollister.
- Oct. 11-12: 5th Annual MHA Horse Show, Oakland.
- Oct. 12: Pioneer Days, Paso Robles.
- Oct. 16, 17, 18, 19: State Convention and Blue Ribbon Horse Show, Stockton.
- Oct. 26: 2nd Annual East Bay Show, Cressmount, Oakland.
- Oct. 25-26: Salinas Show and Sale, Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Ass'n.
- Oct. 31: Fall Fiesta, Santa Cruz.
- Oct. 31: Frontier Days Rodeo, Bakersfield.
- Nov. 2: Surprise Breakfast, Metropolitan Horsemen's Association, Oakland.

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Letter from C.S.H.A.

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With best wishes for lots of success to your show, I am,

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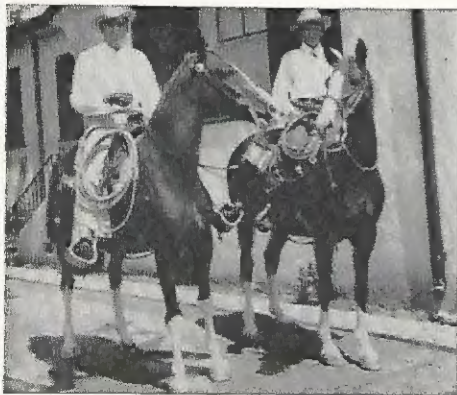
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For every morning at eight o'clock, whether rain or shine,
The Boss he rides my head off, till way past after nine;
And then at twelve the Madam comes, to raise the very deuce,
I can tell the way she rides me she's trying to reduce.
At two o'clock, Miss Nellie comes, and goodness only knows
That's the only easy ride I get, she just rides to show her clothes.
But still I'm not complaining, but as you all can see
The "Nag" that carried Paul Revere had a "cinch" compared to me.
Then one day a wise Guy, who was supposed to know,
Put a queer idea in the Boss' head, 'twas something about a show.
And then right there my whole life changed, but it wasn't for the best.
A professional was my only "jock" then I never got my rest.
My feet were cut, my shoes were changed a dozen times or more.
They put queer things around my neck, they sure did make me sore.
"Twill 'fine' him out," someone said, and I suggest you get
"Some side reins and use 'em every day, if you want to flex his neck."
And then I'd get a "dumb jock"; at that I sure got mad,
It certainly was a "dumb jock," but no dumber than I'd had.
They put queer things on my feet, beads strung on a cord,
And when I started to "wobble" they rattled like a Ford.
And then at last the show came, I hated so to go.
They wouldn't let me walk there, I got a ride, you know.
I didn't recognize the "boss," I thought someone was dead,
For he was dressed up all in black, with a top hat on his head.
The bugle blew, and in we went, the boss niggled at my mouth;
I couldn't understand him, he was pulling north and south.
They called us in, and lined us up, to tell you this I hate,
The prize I got, I couldn't take, I only got the gate.
They had me in most every class, they tried and tried in vain,
So they've given up the show idea—I'm a family horse again.

ON WITH THE SHOW!

The automobile will give way to the horse on Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12, when the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association takes over the Oakland Stadium, Hesperian Boulevard, and East 14th Street, for the Fifth Annual Horse Show.

According to plans announced by President Marquis and Frank Colbourn, Jr., Chairman of the Horse Show Board, there will be three performances, including a Junior Show on Saturday morning and matinees both days.

Three thousand dollars in cash and plate prizes are being offered. For further information contact Show Office at 6307 College Avenue, Oakland, phone Piedmont 5-7096.

"With its large grandstands, ample parking facilities and large show area, the Oakland Stadium will be an ideal spot for the big show" Bill Straus, Show Manager, told the Trail Blazer. He stated that the stadium infield will be used for the show, and portable barns will be set up in back of the grandstands.

The reasonable admission rates are as follows: On Saturday morning children 16 and under will be charged only 30c and adults 60c. Both Saturday and Sunday matinee rates will be children 16 and under 60c, general admission \$1.20, reserved section \$1.80, and boxes for all three performances \$30.00 (10 seats to the Box.) ALL OF THE ABOVE PRICES INCLUDE TAX.

OUR HORSE SHOW COVER

President Don Marquis and Horse Show Manager Bill Straus look over horse show celebrities.

Top Left: Sandra Logue jumping her consistent winner Toy Storm.

Center Left: Trick-riding rodeo star Jim Black performing on Nathan Fairbairn's Pinto.

Lower Left: Versatile Cecil Moore riding Frank Colbourn, Jr.'s Palomar.

Corner: The Popular Shrine Rangers' Drill Team in horse show formation.

Top Right: Champions Triple Diamond and Don Evans with another trophy for owners Mr. and Mrs. Philip B. Davis.

Lower Left: Saddlebred enthusiast Mrs. G. S. Paul on her show ring favorite De Neze.

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The Horse Show Committees are: Frank Colbourn, Jr., Chairman; Don Marquis, Ass't. Chairman; William E. Straus, Manager; Mary Gale, Secretary; Sylvia King, Hunters and Jumpers; Blanche Paul, Saddle Division; Jim Black, Western Division; Adele Mulford, Boxes; Fred E. Anderson, Public Address System; Frank Colbourn, Jr., Publicity; Mrs. Frank Colbourn, Jr., Press Pictures; Frank Sutton, Ring Steward; Mr. Edwin Peabody, Ring Clerk; Archie Brown and Bill Noia, Barns and Policing. Assisting on the various committees are: Jeanne Pollard, Elena Lagorio, Donzel Watson, Opal Brown, Willis Nuttall, Elsa and Gus Himmelman, Mr. and Mrs. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. John Frampton, Kay Walling, Vern Chappell, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hansen, Winifred Johnson, and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Murray.

Program

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 11 AT 10:00 A.M.

Junior Classes

- Event 1: Children's Jumpers, Open
- Event 2: Children's Equitation, English and Western.
- Event 3: Children's Pleasure Horses.
- Event 4: Children's Stock Horses.
- Event 5: Children's Musical Chairs.

SATURDAY MATINEE, OCTOBER 11 AT 1:30 P.M.

- Event 1: Handy Hunters.
- Event 2: Fine Harness Horses.
- Event 3: Pairs Class, English and Western
- Event 4: Three Gaited Saddle Horses, Open
- Event 5: Trail Horses, Open.
- Event 6: Roadsters.
- Event 7: Jumpers, Back Alley.
- Event 8: Hackneys, Open.
- Event 9: Stock Horses, Open.
- Event 10: Five Gaited Saddle Horses, Open.
- Event 11: Palomino and Pinto Trail Horses.
- Event 12: Hunters, Amateur.

SUNDAY MATINEE, OCTOBER 12 AT 1:30 P.M.

- Event 1: Jumpers, Touch and Out.
- Event 2: Pleasure Horses.
- Event 3: Trail Horses, Stake.
- Event 4: Three Gaited Saddle Horses, Stake
- Event 5: Hunters, Stake.
- Event 6: Hackneys, Stake.
- Event 7: Parade Horses.
- Event 8: Five Gaited Saddle Horses, Stake.
- Event 9: Stock Horses, Stake.
- Event 10: Roadsters Combination.
- Event 11: Jumpers, Stake.

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MHA Groups Participate in State Trail Dedication at Martinez

On Sunday, September 14, MHA members participated in the Fall Sports Festival sponsored by the Alhambra Alumni Club and Martinez Horsemen's Association. The parade lasted for two hours and had over 700 horses in the mounted group.

Spectators were enthusiastic in their praise of the Lar-iettes' Mounted Corps. The riders were attired in white shirts, white hats, white chinks and pastel ties; they carried the Stars and Stripes, the Flag of California and their own special Lar-iette banner. We are proud of this snappy group and glad to hear that they won first place for the Best Group. Riders were: Margaret Rukavina, Captain; Kay Walling, Geneva Menicucci, Mrs. Jack Richards, Mrs. Ashley Corvi, Alberta Weisgerber, Demaris Powers, Carmel Himmelman, Ruby Welch, Margo Black, Teena Cosca, and Emily Tofpe.

The group representing MHA were: President Don Marquis, Stanley Moore, Cecil Moore, Arch Brown, and Opal Brown.

The Aahmes Shrine Rangers were one of the most spectacular groups in the parade with their black and white pinto horses, silver trappings, and richly embroidered white satin shirts. This group placed fourth in the parade.

The Best Silver Pair was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Medlin of Crow Canyon.

After the parade the entire group assembled at the spot which marks the meeting of the State Trail with the trails of Contra Costa County. The monument dedicated to the sons of California who died in World War II, was unveiled by a group of native Indians decked out in their beautiful ceremonial robes of buckskin and colorful feathers.

Senator Knowland delivered an appropriate address on the State Trail. Mr. Hamilton McCoy, President of CSHA gave a short speech. Ray Stone, Secretary of CSHA who has done much to promote the State Trail in counties, was also present.

The Centaurs from Sonoma presented their drill executed at lightning speed. A mounted group from Nevada also participated.

Following the dedication all participants were guests at a gigantic salmon barbecue. Everyone said the food was wonderful — barbecued salmon, beans, French bread, coffee, relishes and dessert.

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M. H. A. Activities

The Overnight Ride

The riders who took part in the Overnight Ride on Saturday, September 13th, were enthusiastic no end about the scenic wonders found along the trail recently completed by the MHA Trails Committee. The morning division, headed by Archie Brown, left the Crossroads at 10:30 a.m., and were welcomed at the South Gate entrance into Tilden Park by a group from the Arlington Hills Riding Club of El Cerrito. The afternoon group, headed by A. B. Graham, left the Crossroads at 1:30 p.m.

The camp, which is located in a grove of eucalyptus trees beyond the old army camp, provided ample space for the horses and camp equipment. Some of the riders enjoyed a leisurely swim in Lake Anza before dinner, and when dinner time rolled around they were really hungry.

Needless to say, the food was terrific! Dinner included huge sides of tender beef, savory gravy, crisp fried spuds, cole slaw, French bread, lots of butter, and watermelon—all prepared and served by the Lariettes. This was topped off with Gus' special strong coffee and plenty of entertainment!

The search for talent ended with Joyce Cosca and Barbara Jaeger playing rollicking tunes on an accordion, and Donna Wakman, who is visiting the Rukavinas, singing Western ballads to the accompaniment of a guitar. Stanley Cosca, Harold Cummins and Danny Street rendered some close harmony, and, believe it or not, even Elsa Himmelman gave a sample of her vocal talent.

The high spot of the evening was the announcement of the winner of the Trail Naming Contest. Arch Brown introduced Mr. A. B. Graham, who was in charge of the building of the new trail, and then launched into the serious ceremony of the evening. Mr. Graham formally dedicated the new trail and announced the winning name as SKY HIGH TRAIL. Mrs. Cordelia Wandesforde, winner of the contest, was then presented with a pair of pigskin gloves.

After a few more songs, the crowd went to the Recreation Hall to finish out the evening with dancing. Everyone from ten to seventy joined in the fun for the next two hours. A jolly crowd of riders from the Contra Costa Horsemen's Association were guests of the evening. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lockhart, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Massone, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Cadwallader, and the Mr. and Mrs. Nelson. President Don Marquis entertained the late revellers with some vocal selections, while accompanying himself on the guitar.

The riders from Arlington Hills Riding Club were: K. W. Curtis, President; Mr. Gray, Vice President; Mr. and Mrs. Demick; Mrs. Cassini; Mr. and Mrs. Capriola; Jane Neiman; and Mr. Arthur Gare.

MHA Host to Region No. 5 at Dinner Meeting

The Metropolitan Horsemen's Association directors were hosts to the other horsemen's associations comprising the No. 5 Region of California State Horsemen at a dinner meeting held at Don and Ann's on Tuesday, September 11.

Renon Bacigalupi, vice-president of Region No. 5, opened the meeting and as it was the last meeting of the year, he thanked all who had so generously helped him during his term in office. He turned the meeting over to Don Marquis, who as president of the host club, greeted the guests and introduced representatives of organizations present. Mr. Bacigalupi then took up the main business of the meeting, the election of his successor for the coming year. Mr. Phil Schonenberger was nominated but declined due to lack of time to do the job properly. He suggested Frank Colbourn for the job, and G. Howard Robinson made the nomination. Nominations were then closed and Mr. Colbourn elected unanimously.

Ray Stone, Executive Secretary of the CSHA spoke briefly on the proposed change in Stock Horse rules which will be voted upon at the State Convention, October 16, 17, 18 and 19. Harold Cummins and Jim Black will be our MHA representatives on this particular committee.

Mr. Fred E. Anderson, veteran of past conventions, pointed out the importance of instructing delegates to the convention so they will know exactly what is expected of them. Mr. Anderson, Jack Richards and Ted Dreyer are to be our MHA delegates to the convention.

Directors and members of our association attending the meeting were: Don Marquis, president; Vern Chappell, vice-president; Mary Gale, secretary; Elena Lagorio, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Simons, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Colbourn, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Richards, Archie Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hansen, Fred Anderson, G. Howard Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Patten, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Black, Pete Little, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cummins, John Manners, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cosca, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Evans.

Groups represented at the meeting were: Aahmes Shrine Rangers, Alameda County Sheriff's Posse, Arlington Hills Riding Club, Concord-Mt. Diablo Trail Ride Association, El Caballo Volante, East Contra Costa Horsemen's Association, Contra Costa Horsemen's Association, Frontier Boys, Martinez Horsemen's Association, Sobrante Riders, and Castro Valley Association. John Manners, in reporting for the Lafayette Horsemen's Association informed the meeting that that association is not dead, just dormant at this time. Many favorable comments were overheard on the excellence of the dinner and the success of the meeting.

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MHA Guests of Contra Costa Horsemen

Several members of MHA attended the Fiesta on Saturday, September 6th, at the Pacheco Adobe in Concord, the meeting place of the Contra Costa Horsemen's Association. MHA has been guests of this association on several occasions and each time the guests reported a "great time!"

In keeping with the Fiesta idea, the Pacheco Adobe was decorated with appropriate signs, such as the one above the Black Jack table which read: "We Don't Trust Nobody!" Each guest purchased a wad of bills, "Horse Dollars - Inflated Currency" with which to gamble away on an evening's pleasure. The Bingo game conducted by Ted Albro and his smooth-voiced assistant was a popular pastime for many. Black Jack was conducted by one member who really knew the business. All took turns on the slot machines. The orchestra played during the evening and at midnight the guests turned in their money at the prize counter and choose a prize from the selection on display ranging from saddle soap to halter.

President Earl Sanko and Mrs. Sanko played the roles of hard working chefs and served food to the hungry horde. After midnight all turned to dancing until 4:00 a.m.

An invitation to any affair of the Contra Costa Horsemen's Association always turns out to be a good time. MHA was well represented among the fun makers.

SPCA NEWS

An extremely serious condition exists in the Oakland hills—horses with festering cinch and saddle sores have been carrying rent riders along the trails.

This association is "An Organization Dedicated to the Improvement of Bridle Trails, Sportsmanship among riders and the development of interest in horse activities"—and yet this is the condition of rent horses in our area as reported by the SPCA. The situation is so serious, that unless a drastic change is made and rent owners cooperate with the SPCA, Deputies will be forced to step in and straighten out the problem.

The second complaint this month concerns a horse owner over in Castro Valley who rode his unshod horse until the horse's feet were in a deplorable condition. The reason must have been lack of funds for shoeing, in which case the owner should not have ridden the horse.

Another serious situation was the incident reported to the SPCA involving two calves and some rabbits, all dying because of lack of feed and water. This case was taken care of by Deputies Archie Brown and Jack Richards.

The announcement has been made that three new Deputies have been appointed as assistants to Archie Brown and Jack Richards. Their names are: Stanley Cosca, Stonley Pierce, and George Witt. Mr. Witt will operate in Castro Valley and Mr. Cosca and Mr. Pierce will work wherever needed.

Membership News

Mumm's No Longer the Word, or May All Your PAIN be ChamPAGNE

By this time we figure you are very much interested in the Magnum Opus being planned by the Membership Committee. For the past two issues of the Trail Blazer, we have endeavored to whet your appetites and arouse your curiosity, and now we can let down the bars and give you the facts!

The Surprise Breakfast will be held on Sunday, November 2nd. The Membership Committee Chairman, Mrs. Lucille Simons, and President Don Marquis, tell us that breakfast will be served by a "specialist" and that members will be allowed to thoroughly enjoy the food before starting off on a snappy trail ride through the hills, with stops at way stations equipped to serve a sparkling liquid piece de resistance.

Only members who have secured five or more new members since July 1 will be eligible to attend the bubbling event. The deadline for sending in new memberships is October 26th. All members qualifying for the Magnum Opus will be notified by the Membership Committee.

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Juniors:

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Jane Garfinkle
Barbara Ellen Hoffman
Priscilla Meyer
David Nelson
Marj Rugh

Introducing New Members

We have an impressive array of hidden talent in the list of new members this month. For instance, we have Faye Childs, an instructor of Cosmetology at Vallejo Junior College, who has a lovely singing voice which has been trained for opera. Her riding is done at Miss Graham's.

Then we have Artie Soares, who was Drum Major for the St. Mary's College during the Football season. Mr. Soares also leads the Oakland City Municipal Band and has played trombone in Russ Morgan's band. During the war, Mr. Soares was with the Army Air Corps. He hopes to have his own horse soon.

As for Nadine Armstrong, well, her talents are many and varied. She is one of Miss Graham's riders and a dandy swimmer. Her work is with the Narcotic Department.

This is one for the books! Henry M. Rubenstein doesn't ride, but gets his enthusiasm for horses from President Marquis. Henry has a Union Oil Station at Don's establishment and says he has cleaned so much hay out of cars that he feels he should join and ride. Incidentally, Henry is a newlywed!

Jack Doughty has gone into partnership with George Floyd at the Big Bear Stables. Hear they have some mighty good horses at the Big Bear. Of course, Jack believes in plugging his own business.

Beverly May Pettabone is one of the lucky ones who keeps her horse in her backyard. Beverly attends Frick Junior College and wishes horses were eligible to enroll, so her half Arab horse Peanuts could be there too.

Nat Levy decided to join MHA just to see what the Trails Committee has accomplished. His knowledge of the trails comes from reading about them in the Trail Blazer. Mr. Levy is President of the Park Board of Oakland and one of the Official Representatives of the Moore Dry Dock Company.

Frank Matulovich stables at the Pinto Ranch and has a grey horse called Spider.

Ruth Peckham, wife of Harry Peckham (Aahmes Shrine Ranger) stables at the Rancho San Antonio. She has a Palomino named Butter and a Thoroughbred mare named Honey Bunch, whose grandfather was the well-known Sea Biscuit. By the way, Harry Peckham has one of the new plastic saddles made for the New York Fair—it's a flashy red, white, and blue number! Remember seeing Harry ride it at the Wild West Show?

Louis Passafiume just sold his two horses—one a Palomino Appaloosa gelding called Padre, and the other an Arabian-Morgan mare called Babe. He is fixing up his place so that he can keep his new horses around home.

Nice to have Elvin A. Anderson, I. L. Gorvad, J. M. Merritt and Marilyn Smith back in MHA again this year.

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**MHA Riders Participate
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Metropolitan Horsemen's Association was well represented in the Richmond Horse Show on August 24th. Members who placed in the various classes were: Jumpers, O'-Malley owned and ridden by Norma Burton, third; Children's Horsemanship Class, Lynda Landesborough riding her horse Colt, first.

Pleasure Horse, Open, Fuisina owned and ridden by Le Roy Tarr, second; Stallion Parade, Harold Cumming's American Saddlebred Stallion, Currahee La Grand, first; Palomino division, Vallejo Gold owned by Fleet Medlin, first; Rayo De Sol owned by J. H. Capriola, second; Pinto division, Sun Cloud owned by Fleet Medlin, second;

Quarter Horse, Dustes owned by Charles Couch of Walnut Creek, second. Thoroughbred, Val's Valentine owned by Carmelita Cummins, first. The Stake Race was won by Leonard Landsborough, riding Colt and second went to Lynda Landsborough riding Colt. Open Trail Horse Class, Ruby Welch riding Ribbon, placed second. Hackney Ponies, Brookside Lassie owned by Mr. and Mrs. George Walling placed fourth.

The Richmond Golden Jubilee Parade was a spectacular affair and MHA was well represented. The Best Silver Mounted Group trophy was awarded to Fleet Medlin's Rancho, the Best Western Group won by Aahmes Shrine Rangers; Best Cowboy, Frank Santos; Best Novelty Entry, Lariettes; Best Horse Drawn Vehicle, Arlington Hills Riding Club. The last idea depicting Cinderella in her golden coach, drawn by a shetland pony. Cinderella was Joan Guaraglia and her royal coachman Tiny Capriola in a top-hat and red coat and white breeches. This entry was complete in every detail and brought forth many admiring comments.

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5th Annual MHA Horse Show
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Junior Activities

News of the Junior Members

Eleanor Leland has her mare, Gypsy, at the Don Evans Stable now. She rides regularly on the trails. Jimmie Black, Jr., won fourth at the Richmond show and fifth at the Concord show in the Junior Horsemanship classes. Billy Black took sixth at Concord.

Loretta Cosca did her roping and trick riding act at the Rowell Rodeo on September 7, with Jim Black. Loretta and Jim were also recently interviewed on the radio in San Jose.

George Armstrong is back from Nevada and can be seen riding Hal Cummings horse, Flash, on the trails. The Sibert boys have been playing Indian on their ponies lately. Last seen they were earnestly trying to surround Rancho San Antonio.

Joan Eppse has her horse Taffy at Pleasanton on a ranch where she has been riding all summer.

Don Donlon is back in the saddle again after an absence of a couple of months. He has been working at his Dad's service station in San Francisco all summer. He has been missed at the Pinto Ranch, so it is hoped he can spare some time from his studies and athletic interests at Oakland High. Don is a nephew of Stanley Cosca. He celebrated his sixteenth birthday recently at a dinner party for a few of the fellows at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Donlon, Jr., on Trestle Glen Road.

Introducing New Junior Members

Gene Eurick is very proud of his horse, Patches, a bay and white Pinto which he stables at Wildwood. Gene attends Jefferson School and is one of our enthusiastic Juniors.

Priscilla Meyer has been riding at Cressmount with the Shongehon drill team and also goes in for jumping. Priscilla is an accomplished musician and attends the Anna Head School.

David Nelson, gets his "love of riding" from aunt Elsa Himmelman. In fact, Elsa has such confidence in David's ability that she lets him ride her Thoroughbred on the trails during the summer vacation he is enjoying with her. David hails from Los Angeles.

Jane Garfinkle is Publicity Chairman of Shongehon this year. Jane rides with her group at Cressmount.

Marj Rush is one of the members from Concord who goes in for trail riding with enthusiasm plus. Marj is Secretary of El Caballo Volante junior group and liked Trail Blazer so much she joined in order to get it regularly. Marj is one of those live-wire persons who amaze people with their boundless energy. She certainly keeps things moving in her group.

Shongehon Elects New Officers

The scarlet coated Shongehon riders held a trail ride on Monday, September 8th. to open their activities program for the fall semester. After the trail ride, the riders were entertained by Miss Cornelia Cress with a supper party at her home. Following supper the Shongehon group held their first meeting of the year.

New officers are: Sue Allen, President; Jane Garfinkle, Publicity Chairman; Mollie Mulford, Secretary; Charlotte Lochner, Treasurer.

Members of the Shongehon Riding Team are: Sally Allen, Sue Allen, Maria De Bonis, Jackie Gableman, Priscilla Meyer, Carol Lee Jory, Helen Shafer, Pat Brandes, Dorothy Gross, Charlotte Lochner, Mollie Mulford, Jane Garfinkle, Sandra Logue, and Marilyn Shaw.

El Caballo Volante Horse Show Results

News from El Caballo Volante, Junior Group of the Contra Costa Horsemen's Association, includes results of their recent horse show and overnight rides. Several members of El Caballo Volante are members of MHA. Others are former Oakland residents, and well known to riders in this area. Their interest and enthusiasm in anything related to horses and riding results in a continuous schedule of activities. They are a grand and spunky little group, and certainly deserving of much credit in their efforts to further junior participation in one of the finest of leisure time activities.

Winners of the horse show were: Best Dressed Cow Girl, Marj Rush; Best Dressed Cowboy, Jim Duncan; Senior Stock Horse, Jim Duncan; Junior Stock Horse, L. Duane Lockhart; Senior Trail, Jim Duncan; Junior Trail, Robert Brown; Jumpers, Barbara Burnside; Stake Race, Marj Rush; Team Roping was won by Kirby Morgan and Norman de Back; Show Horse, Marj Rush; Strip Tease, Sandra Endersby; Musical Chairs, Dick Tazer. Trophies were donated by local horsemen. Judges were Bill McKee of San Ramon, Kirby Morgan of Lafayette and Pat Ponten of Walnut Creek.

Overnight rides seem to be very popular among the members as several of them rode over to Redwood Canyon, tied up at Miss Graham's, and attended the roping at the Pinto Ranch.

Yes, there's always something doing in the El Caballo Volante Horsemen's Association!

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**2nd Annual East Bay
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The 2nd East Bay Horse Show will be held at Cressmount Stables on Sunday, Oct. 26, under the direction of Miss Cornelia Cress. The 1st East Bay Show held last year was the type of show which was most in demand and is being held again this year at the request of many of last year's exhibitors and participants.

The classification list is as follows: English Division: The Handy; East Bay Construction Course - Open to Jumpers; Ladies Hunters; Working Hunters; Teams of Three —Cross Country; Pleasure Horses - Pairs for Thoroughbred type and Park Hack for Saddlebred type; Saddle Tandem; and Fine Harness open to stallion, mare or gelding. Western Division: The Westerner - for off-colored horses; Best Type Western Horse - open to blue ribbon winners; Pleasure Horses - solid color, to be judged individually over an obstacle course of hazards encountered on trail or in crossing open country, (may be asked to load in a trailer); Stock Horses; Parade Horses - stallion, mare or gelding. The Novelty Event of the show will be The Footman — it is a race! Special Events of the show will be the Shongehon Drill Team and Mr. L. E. Silva who will exhibit draft teams belonging to Lucky Stores, Inc., of Oakland.

The members of the Horse Show Committee are: Mrs. D. L. Allen, Mrs. W. H. Brandes, Mrs. L. O. Mulford, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley, A. Moore, Mary Gale, Mary Lou Hutton, Winifred Johnson, Jeanne Pollard, George de Bonis, Archie Brown, Willis Nuttall and Don Marquis.

NOTE: Special attention is called to the saddle tandem class in this show. If any of you members have tandem harness, two horses, and some skill, try practicing and then enter the class—it's loads of fun!

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The Aahmes Rangers made it three in a row. Sunday morning, August 17th, Mr. Earl Balyeat of the Willows Chamber of Commerce presented the Ranger Drill Team with a beautiful trophy as first award for their outstanding appearance at the Lamb Derby and Horse Show at Willows, California. The presentation was made during a grand early morning breakfast held in the hills near Rancho San Antonio. Accompanying Mr. Balyeat on the trip from Willows was his wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Arno Poggi.

On Sunday August 24th the Rangers Parade Unit was very fortunate to win first prize in the Western Parade Units class at the Richmond Jubilee against very stiff competition including such fine units as the Oakland Lariettes and entries from San Mateo, Santa Rosa, Petaluma, and Contra Costa County. The prize was a beautiful two foot trophy, presented by Richmond P & H Company, which has been added to the trophy cabinet.

The members participating were: Capt. Fred Bemis, W. Ludolph, Henry Gede, John Dell, Ted Sibert, Emmett Boger, J. Simons; J. Jacobs, Al Upton, Dr. Galen Drury, Irvin Hansen, Davey Jones, Floyd Jacobs, Wm. Older, Frank Kelly, Ted Hackler, Fred Anderson and Glenn Fisher.

The ranch manager's wife, Mrs. Margaret Rukavina, was seen riding with the lovelies of the Oakland Lariettes; what a striking picture they made in the Richmond parade on August 24th. Perfect riders and beautiful gals—some combination.

On September 7th the Rangers held open house. Many Oakland City officials and prominent horsemen were present to observe new drilling formations which were enthusiastically received.

Notes of interest: Miss Lee Older recently returned from Dr. Earle Whitten's ranch where she spent the summer. Jack Simons is home from Lake Tahoe. Barbara Bemis is getting grown-up and beautiful. Ted Sibert's boys (all of six of them) are home from school. Billy Drury is home from summer camp and doing some riding. Wm. Ludolph is riding the trails. Irvin A. Hansen is a new member of the Rangers and owns a beautiful seal brown and white pinto, Jaffe, which he uses in the drill.

AT THE BIG BEAR STABLES

George Floyd has a new partner, Jack Doughty, formerly connected with Pal's Corral, is now co-owner of the Big Bear Stables. Jack is a grand fellow and the best of luck is wished for the new partnership.

Lefty Bowers has a nice little quarter horse he is training. Lefty is having lots of fun and figures that if he can just stay on top, he can't lose.

AT THE PINTO RANCH

Leo Walker is again boarding a horse at the Pinto Ranch after about two years at Sonoma. Leo now has a four-year-old sorrel mare with white socks, blaze face and a flaxen mane and tail. John Espinosa has a really nice black gelding, four-year-old, by Bill Noyes' Arabian stallion, which he has turned over to Harold Cummins to train.

Caesar Baterro also has a horse in training, a three-year-old Palomino stallion, called Trigger. He has been at the Pinto two months and is a real good little saddle horse. John Corvi has a new horse, a chestnut gelding. He's a well-reined stock horse and a top saddle horse.

Dan Street and Gloria are now happily married and have a swell little place of their own near Walnut Creek. They have plenty of room for their horses and lots of space to ride in.

Tod Mason is staying at the ranch for a few weeks, making rodeos and night club performances. Tod is always available and puts on a swell act. Loretta Cosca is justly proud of her new trick riding saddle. It's all done in red and white leather and pretty enough for a Christmas tree ornament.

Ruby Welsh came home from the Richmond show with a ribbon in the Trail Horse class. Her little pinto mare has won her share this year. Carmelita Cummins also won a ribbon in the stallion class with Red, her Thoroughbred stallion. Friends at the Pinto Ranch will surely be glad to see Ted Talstrom up and about soon. Ted had a bad spill when a colt turned over on him and broke his ankle, several ribs, and smashed his chest. Those things happen fast but surely heal slowly.

Barbara Alberts won a ribbon in the musical chairs event at the Concord show. Carmelita Cummins went over with her and won the best dressed cowgirl award. Tex McCandless, our leather expert has his chestnut gelding at the Pinto. He's a fine colt and Tex thinks a lot of him.

Bob Phillips came home from the Rowell Rodeo with a whole pocketful of money — second place in the calf roping. Earl Nanninga and Jim Heal took a trip to the Willows Rodeo and walked off with the team roping money. Jack Alexander and Roy Risi are back from Lake Tahoe where they spent the summer wrangling dudes. Roy is going to Shanghai, China, with a boat load of horses for the Chinese government.

George Armstrong is also back at the Pinto Ranch after spending the summer on a ranch in Nevada. Vern Chappell recently sold his horse and saddle but by spring expects to be among the horse owners again.

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WITH THE LARIETTES

The Lari-ettes have been very busy during the past few weeks. . . what with making their "chinks", blocking their stetsons, and training their horses for their first entry as a group in the Parade and Horse Show of the Richmond Golden Jubilee in Richmond, Sunday, August 24th. The parade was about 5 miles long and lasted over two hours. The Lari-ettes were presented with a fine trophy for taking 1st place in the Novelty group. Their second entry as a parade group was in the Concord Horse Show, Labor Day, Monday, September 1st. Again they won first and received a trophy for the Best Western group.

Credit for the Lari-ettes' success goes to Margaret Rukavina, who was Captain of the group and did a splendid job of preparing the girls for the parades and horse shows.

While riding the trails one Saturday afternoon in August "Teen" Cosca, the Lari-ettes reporter, had a bad fall off her mare, Rosetta, and was laid up two weeks with a painfully bruised hip and elbow.

Friday, Sept. 5th, the Lari-ettes and their guests were on the "Lady-Go-Lucky" radio program over KGO at noon. "Teen" Cosca was chairman for the Lari-ettes and represented them on the radio.

The Lari-ettes recently donated \$100.00 to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Society of Alameda County. The donation was part of the proceeds from their Bazaar and Rodeo Dance, held at the Tourist Club last July.

Geneva and Harry Menicucci recently returned from their vacation, a sight-seeing tour of Texas and Mexico. During their two weeks' travels Harry and Geneva obtained two pinto mares which they brought back with them. The pintos are of quarter breeding, and one of them is to be groomed for showing.

AT THE PIEDMONT STABLES

There'll be no more dust or any mud this winter around the Piedmont Stables. A new black-top road has been put in from the bridge, around the stable, and back to the hay barn.

Jan and Bill Pray spent the Labor Day holiday at Tahoe. A surprise birthday party, in honor of Tiny Black and Bill Patten, was held at the Patten home. Games were played and many lovely gifts opened by the honor guests, after which the hostess, Virginia Patten, assisted by Jan Pray, served a lunch and birthday cake.

Sally Wright has been giving her mare, Cinder, daily workouts. She says she is making up for time lost this summer when she had her nose broken. Shirley Rock, who recently moved to the Piedmont, is sporting a "brand new" flower-stamped stock saddle. She and the saddle look very handsome on her palomino, Rocky.

AT THE PRIVATE STABLES

It seems there will be some new exhibitors in the English pleasure horse classes in the MHA Show this year. Mrs. Leroy Tarr has shown her mare Fursinia, a golden chestnut of Arabian-Standard breeding in four English pleasure classes this summer. She has taken in four ribbons, one of which was the approved azure blue.

Peaches, Mr. Tarr's mount sired by Highland Noble and formerly belonging to Mrs. Fenchel, will be seen in English pleasure classes and in pair classes with Tera. Another Saddlebred living with the Tarr's is a three-year-old filly with the stable name of Kayann. She belongs to Jim Kacey who lives with the Tarrs. Kayann is out of Peaches and by Peavine's Highland Noble. She is a chestnut with a silver mixed mane and tail and the possessor of one white sock and a small star. If her training progresses sufficiently she will be in the English pleasure class this fall. If not, she will be brought out next spring.

There has been much activity among both the Human and Equine members of the Claude Jones family this summer. The romance of Arlene Hoffman and Duane Jones which began during the war culminated in a beautiful wedding recently. The happy young couple have been given an acre of their own of the Jones' country place, Melody Acres, near Walnut Creek.

The first unit of the fine stable at Melody Acres is nearly completed. It is one hundred and forty-four feet long, containing twenty-four box stalls with a covered hall fourteen by one hundred and forty-four. Here will be a good place to cool out horses or exercise them during rainy days. The structure is completely fire-proof, made of Basalite with a glass brick windows and automatic water fountains in each stall and designed and constructed by Claude Jones. Colonel Bone will have the management of it.

The Jones have lots of fun with their home-raised Saddlebred colt, Lucky Holiday, during the summer. The young fellow is a dark copper color with a bright golden mane and tail. He has been trained and shown for them by Lee Sole of Sacramento.

Lucky made his first show at Yuba City in May where he took third in fine harness. Then at the Sacramento County Fair he was also third in fine harness, first in four-year-old breeding class and won the Championship of All-American Saddlebreds; all in one show! At Turlock, he won first in fine harness defeating the same older horses previously placed over him at the other shows. He was also first at Plymouth. Lucky Holiday is out of Blazing Peavine and by Peavine's Highland Noble.

The two year old filly, King's Serenade out of Blazing Peavine by Del Monte's King, is also in training with Lee Sole and expects to make her debut in fine harness in one of the fall shows.

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Blazing Peavine's latest addition is a three-months-old colt by that good grandson of San Juan, San Ramon.

Perhaps Pat Jones' greatest joy is a handsome bay gelding, as yet unnamed, out of Timber Cat by Soleil de Midi. Yes, you guessed it, he is a Thoroughbred and will go a-racing next year as a three year old. Pat Jones has been schooling him herself. First in a biting rig until he was quiet and obedient, then ground driving until he was bridle-wise. Then she had him led the first few times she rode him. He will be given his practice gallops in the new ring at Melody Acres.

Last week we had the pleasure of visiting the new semi-private stable owned by Richard Neves. Oakland has many very nice, clean and well-managed stables, but this seems to be one of the best yet. There wasn't even a house fly in the whole place.

The lucky horses stabled there each have a nice box stall which opens into a private paddock. Each stall has automatic drinking fountain, a grain box, and a nice manger. The horses seemed to know they were being interviewed and as soon as one had had its name written down, the next in line would come in from the paddock and expect to be admired.

Richard Neves, Jr. owns Trigger, a pinto gelding with a beautiful wavy mane and tail. Then comes the handsome Traveler, a bay Saddlebred gelding with a white star. Another friendly horse is Kitty, a bay mare with two white hind feet. Furioso is a shining chestnut gelding with a blaze and white hind feet. He belongs to Mrs. Cowell. Gray Squirrel is a five gaited gelding of a most beautiful gray tint belonging to Mr. Eaches and J. W. Cole.

In the next stall is Sundown, part Saddlebred chestnut gelding sired by the Oakland Stable's Palomino, Klondyke. He belongs to Joyce Adamson. Sylvia King's handsome Thoroughbred, Burma Road, also lives there as well as does Bee McKechnie's attractive Saddlebred pleasure mare which has been winning in the shows this summer. The mare's name is Rythm's Juanita. Then there are two horses ridden in the Alameda Sheriff's Posse. One of them is Smoky, a fine flea-bitten gray gelding owned by W. J. Carvey; the other horse is Moon, a bay gelding nicely trimmed with white and owned by H. Cole. In the next stall is a fine black mare owned by Clinton Bundy and last but not least is Dixie, a trim Thoroughbred mare owned by M. Davidson.

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AT CRESSMOUNT

With so many of the regular riders away on vacations things have been very informal at Cressmount this summer. One of the highlights was a rollicking Gymkhana directed by Miss Cress in which members of Upson Downs, Shongehon, and a single Pegasus Patroller, participated. It was fun to watch the events which varied from the hilarious to the serious. The Gymkhana opened with jumping by some of the members. This was followed by exciting games of Pop-the-Balloon and Flagola. The only serious note of the show was the Pairs Class. Although the jumping was intended to be serious some unexpected clowning on the part of the horses made the class a howling success. At the end of the evening, the points accumulated by the two competing teams were tallied, and the Gymkhana ended in a tie. No one team was crowned victor. Those participating were: Sally Allen, Mollie Mulford, Phil Johnson, Elena Lagorio, Mary Gale, Win Johnson, Don Schwinley, Don Marquis, Gia Abel, Margo Brewer, Bud Bohnsen, Deborah Tibbitts, and Windy Smith. Judges were: Lorraine Harries, Bob McCarty and Mr. Theil.

Nancy Danielson has, at last, a lovely chestnut Thoroughbred gelding after months of hunting for just the right horse. Sir John Edwin is seven years old and was just broken and trained last year. (Some knowing owner gave Sir John a chance to develop before attempting to jump him.)

For the past three or four weeks, former Cressmount riders have been seen riding with Upson Downs. Barbara and Eleanor Bangs, Marilyn Michener, and Joanne Humphrey have been giving the regular members plenty of competition.

Joy Houston, former Shongehon member, and Bill Atkinson were recently married. Bill's wedding present to Joy was a lovely Thoroughbred gelding which is the pride of Joy's life. Bill spent several months in overseas service and is now located in Walnut Creek where he works under Mr. Allen, learning the horse-shoeing business. Mr. Allen and Bill have opened a new establishment, the A&A, and give excellent service.

The preparations for the coming Fall shows at Cressmount are certainly causing much excitement these days. As a result of felling a tree while fixing a jump on the cross-country run, the lights on the Mills Campus went out—and stayed out for three hours. An expensive PG&E crew repaired the damage. We heard that wood would be high this winter, but these logs are really "high!"

Many of the riders from Cressmount spent several days at the State Fair—some participating in the ring and others rooting in the stands. Win Johnson, Sylvia King, Don Marquis, the Logues, Allens, Mulfords, Mrs. Edson Adams, Donzel Watson, Mary Gale, and the Van Den Bergs were present and took in the sights.

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AT RED GATES OF RIFLE LANE

News is scarce this month, as at this writing the State Fair is still traveling at full speed. O'Malley and Idiot's Delight have not returned to give the particulars on how they came out with the winners.

Thus far, the returns of the San Joaquin County Fair at Stockton have come in with a blue ribbon for the "Baby" of Red Gates, O'Malley. Winning the five foot class over some of the finest jumpers of the state, O'Malley was the only horse of the class to clear the two five foot jumps. Idiot's Delight was another winner, placing fourth in the Handy Jumper Class. Both O'Malley and Idiot's Delight were scratched out of the last performance however, because of the condition of the ground.

Now all the horses of Red Gates show string are on the honor roll with a blue ribbon to his or her credit. They have made themselves eligible for the Blue Ribbon Show to be held at Stockton, October 16, 17, 18, and 19. Here is a record any barn could be proud of, and this barn is!

AT THE WILDWOOD STABLE

Betty Hubbard is a new boarder at the Wildwood Stable with her little albino mare Sugar, which she bought from Johnny and Russ. Two riders from the stable participated in the Concord-Mt. Diablo Trail ride: Dutch Cummings rode her palomino mare, Blondie, and came in eighth in the heavy weight division; and Carolyn Blanch rode Fred, Harold Cummings' Tennessee Walking horse, and placed tenth in the lightweight division.

Twelve boarders from the Wildwood rode down to the Regional Park on Wednesday, September 3, and enjoyed delicious steaks which Johnny had barbecued for them. Johnny has had several such barbecues for his boarders this summer and as long as the weather holds out, he plans to have one each week. With such a grand bunch of riders and such a genial host, the success of the parties is assured.

WITH THE BOOTS AND JEANS

The Boots and Jeans club held an election on September 3, and voted in the following officers: Whitey Deuel, president; Bill Charrette, treasurer; Dotty Bowers, secretary; Jack Tann, sergeant-at-arms; Lillian Deuel and Jeanie Moller, entertainment committee. The meeting was conducted by the retiring president, Earl Tobey.

The last social held by Boots and Jeans members was a dance held on August 20. The evening came to a delightful end with a delicious supper served by Velma Charette and Babe Lampdon. Those who participated in the games won some very nice prizes. There were bronze horses, ash trays, and other prizes in the western motif.

On August 27, Boots and Jeans members met at the Round-Up for an evening of square dancing. Lloyd DeRusha called the dances and everybody entered into the spirit of the dances and had a grand time.

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Back in the early 90's a certain Mr. Lemon selected a site on Broadway in Oakland for his saddle shop. In those days, a life sized wooden horse stood in the front window, decked out in the finest set of harness or the most elaborate saddle for advertising purposes. That big wooden horse symbolized a saddlery just as the striped red and white revolving pole represented a barber shop.

In 1911 Mr. Lemon sold out to Mr. C. C. Starr, father of the present owner H. W. Starr. Mr. C. C. Starr was an old hand in the saddle business, having owned a saddle shop in Nebraska and another in Iowa, and could be found any day in the shop on 530 Broadway doing any of the jobs required of a saddle maker. Old timers would drop in and together they would swap tales and talk about the good old days. In 1937 the senior Mr. Starr died and his son, H. W. Starr, took over the shop. According to the old timers left in the area, the shop still "smells the same"—the aroma of leather, oil and horses permeates the shop.

H. W. has been in the saddlery business all his life and says the dirtiest job to his recollection was blackening leather on Saturday mornings. A saddlery, especially an old one, has a certain fascination for many of us. To go into Starr's and chat with the owner, who is never too busy to talk, or just browse around among the saddles and harness is always a pleasure.

We asked Mr. Starr what happened to the wooden horse, but his guess was that it just went out when the automobiles came in, just as many of the old fixtures did. We inquired if any of the old fixtures were around. "Now you're getting personal," chuckled Mr. Starr good naturedly, and then he told us that the marks of the hub caps of the buggies brought in for repair were still on the Broadway door. We looked, and sure enough they're still there.

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After reading about the Saddle Registration Plan in the last issue of the TRAIL BLAZER, we thought we would benefit by having our new Pariani saddles registered. While waiting for the man to stamp the information on the saddle, we chatted with Mr. Starr who informed us that he has an excellent saddle maker on his staff and is in a position to make saddles to order. We wandered into the saddle-making department and saw the saddle-maker working on a lovely hand tooled roping saddle. There were some tasty silver conchas, belt buckles and other silver miscellaneous items to delight the horseman's eye. Mr. Starr informed us that he has a good supply of Levis and the new white Davis 3 and 3½ inch brimmed hats. The hats are in the popular San Fran and San Fran Junior styles. The shelves revealed a goodly supply of Justin boots, both men's and ladies, grooming supplies, ropes, bridles, and a few sets of harness.

Mr. Starr then told us that very few people had registered their saddles and, that he thought the plan an excellent one for cutting down on the present rate of stolen saddles. Why not stop in at Starr's today and register your saddle?

—See ad on Page 16

DON AND ANN'S

After that marvelous dinner put on by Chris Hansen for Region No. 5 of the California State Horsemen's Association at their meeting last month, we thought it high time that news of those tender, juicy steaks was made known to you members. Since that dinner, we have had several phone calls and letters telling us how much the guests enjoyed the dinner.

The main dining room is built around a huge circular fireplace where guests can toast their toes on cold days. Looking out from the dining room, one sees an attractive patio with hanging baskets of lovely fushias and tropical plants. The bar itself is interesting, as it dates back to 1890, when it was brought around the horn in a sailing vessel and placed in a tavern on the Barbary Coast during the Gay Nineties. The huge painting over the bar, called the "Cheaters", is an original by Bausch. Chris told us that there are three such paintings in existence—one graces the Don & Ann bar, the second is in the Washington Art Gallery, and the third has passed out of sight. The huge wagon-wheel lighting fixtures are of special interest too, as they were hand-made in Holland for the 1939 Exposition, then purchased for Don & Ann's at the close of the Fair.

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DON EVANS' STABLES

The day being a nice sunny lazy sort of one, we decided to drop in and see Don Evans and find out what he has up his sleeve for the Fall and early Winter season. Now that the shows are practically over, Don is concentrating on his jumping and polo classes. There are private lessons as well as classes in both phases of horsemanship. The stable now boasts several good green hunter prospects and Don and his staff will be getting them ready for next year's shows. When we asked what was new, Don jokingly told us that just for the fun of it, he has been jumping all the horses on the place, and that some of the Western mounts were jumping as high as the seasoned jumpers.

When we asked if he was going to resume the Clinic this Fall, Don said that he plans to devote one night a week and possibly two. Don plans to conduct the Clinic along the same lines as he did last year, using a horse for practical demonstrations. Included in the Fall Clinic Course will be stable management, feeds, treatment of minor injuries, discussions of horsemanship, showmanship, trail riding, and many other questions related to horses and horsemanship. Last year the Clinic was a popular meeting place for many of the horsemen in the hills.

Looks like a busy Fall season at the Don Evans stables!

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NOTE: Through an error, the address of BENTLEY AND SILVA'S SADDLE SHOP was incorrectly listed in the AD LIB column of the September issue of the Trail Blazer. You will find the shop at 5521 Foothill Blvd., Oakland.

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Excerpt from letter to the Editor

Dear Mrs. Paul:

A line from the wandering riders of the Triangle K Rancho of Robinson Drive. We, Dorothy Keeler, Patricia Prosser and myself left Oakland for Dorothy's summer home at Huntington Lake with two trailers, three horses, Randy, Mr. Sox, and Tequila; two dogs, Major and Riley; and various and sundry equipment.

The trip was uneventful, but speaking of trailers, the new one made by Al Wilkie of Custom Trailer Company at the Pinto Ranch pulls like a dream, handles beautifully in mountains, and definitely is a credit to its builders.

Elevation here is 7000 feet. The trailer was behind a 1940 Ford coupe with two one-thousand pound horses in it, and except for weight added, you would never know it was behind you. I'd recommend it to anyone who wants a good sturdy trailer. My gosh, how I carry on! See you soon.

Beryl "Bucky" Johnstone

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